

## Local News Events of the Past Week as Depicted by Parsons

SUNDAY.

MONDAY.

TUESDAY.

WEDNESDAY.

THURSDAY.

FRIDAY.

SATURDAY.



Opening of the Marshall's band concert season with a good attendance.



The senate reaches for the salary of a Panama Fair commissioner.



Was open season on insurance companies—bombardment terrific.



Drastic anti-lob proposition receives consideration in the senate.



A movie show, with local talent, is staged in and around state house.



Eulogies on Abraham Lincoln and peace speeches order of the day.



Local magnates are coming home with the noble pough, "Franchise."

## PLAY AT SCHOOLS

The System in Topeka Has Been Revolutionized.

W. P. MacLean, Director, Has Introduced New Plan.

## "KITE DAY" FOR YOUNGSTERS

Hundreds of Kiddies Will Fly Kites on Fair Grounds.

Mammoth Athletic Exhibition Planned for May.

Play on the city school grounds has been revolutionized since the creation last September of the position of director of physical education by the school board. Systematized play is now in vogue. Where children were formerly comparatively inactive in recreation or recess periods, it is now a case of "everybody's doing it."



W. P. MacLean, Director of Physical Education Topeka Public Schools.

So enthusiastic are the boys and girls that in groups and clubs various forms of out-door sports and exercises are being perfected. The girls are learning the old-fashioned Maypole dance and dances of various nations. Gymnastic clubs have been organized among the boys at several of the schools, and one evening a week is devoted to pyramid work, tumbling, etc. The high school boys will take up the Italian naval pole drill, tumbling and apparatus work. A class will be formed when the new "gym" is completed.

H. B. Wilson, superintendent of city schools, who has instituted many things that are new in Topeka, is a strong advocate of play under supervision. W. P. MacLean is the man who, as director of physical education, has been working the transformation.

## Kite Day in April.

Director MacLean announced today that early in April there will be a kite day for the children of the public schools. Every child who can make a kite will be expected to participate. Prizes will be awarded for the largest, smallest, most grotesque, most ingenious, and strongest puller among the kites in the contest period.

## Mammoth Athletic Exhibition.

But this is not all. To wind up the work for the year the greatest school athletic exhibition ever held in Topeka will be staged on the fair grounds, in which every pupil in the city schools is expected to participate. It will take place some time in May. An admission fee will be charged to raise money to go towards establishing a playground system in Topeka for the summer vacation period.

Mr. MacLean is an expert in playground work. He had some experience in his home city, Youngstown, Ohio. For three years he was connected with the Cleveland Boys' home at Hudson, Ohio, near Cleveland. This home is owned by the city of Cleveland and there are 800 boys at the home on the average. A great deal of work in physical education is done at this home. Prior to coming to Topeka MacLean was director of physical education for the schools at Fargo, N. D.

## MacLean Tells of Work.

In speaking of the work being done in the city schools Mr. MacLean said: "The work being done by the department of physical education in the schools of Topeka may be divided into two parts—physical training or class room work and organized athletics or playground work."

of marches, drills and games which line and use have proven to be of some peculiar benefit to the physical growth of the child.

## First Grade Work.

The first grade has a very simple little drill, performed with two flags in the school colors in which only elementary movements are concerned. The drill is an original one made up of the movements commonly used in sending messages by the wig-wag code. Its aim is co-ordination.

The second grade work consists of a hoop drill made up of seven exercises copied somewhat after a drill for women by "Anderson." It consists of movements which bring every muscle of the body into action and call for a certain amount of grace in movement.

## Music in Third Grade.

The third grade work is a drill made up of 18 free-hand, setting up exercises which is done to music and therefore cultivates a sense of rhythm. The movements start out very simply with breathing exercises and wind up with a set in which every muscle in the body is used.

## Folk Dance in the Fourth.

The work of the fourth grade is a Swedish folk game, "Varfa Vadinal," introduced into this country by Jacobson, a pioneer in physical training work in the United States who did much for the advancement of the work in the schools of New York and Columbia university. This game is merry and vigorous and develops a certain amount of grace.

## Fifth Grade Military Steps.

The fifth grade works at marching steps and military formations formulated somewhat after the commands and maneuvers used in the United States army and military schools. The idea is to train the mind to take in a command quickly and the body to speedily and precisely answer to the control of the mind.

## Wand Drill in Sixth.

The wand drill used by the sixth grade is patterned closely after the set of exercises decided by the army board to be the best for general exercise purposes for use in the U. S. army. It was designed by Major Butts and is known as "Butts' Manual."

## Seventh Grade Hand Exercises.

The seventh grade is doing a series of free-hand exercises to music designed to develop every muscle in the body and to produce good posture, grace, poise and a sense of rhythm.

## Indian Club Drill.

The eighth grade is swinging Indian clubs in a club drill made up of the more helpful and less fatiguing movements. However, some of the movements are intricate enough to be interesting and the drill is very pretty when done by a class of 40 or 50 pupils.

Besides the regular school work, the girls in groups and clubs are taking up folk dancing in the various schools. All are learning the old-fashioned English Maypole dance and some are taking up the dances of different nations, such as the Highland Fling, the Irish Jig, the Italian Tarantella, Swedish Blikking, English Hornpipe, etc. The boys of several different schools have organized themselves into gymnastic clubs, and these meet at the school building one evening a week to do pyramid work, tumbling, etc. The high school boys will take up the Italian naval pole drill, tumbling and apparatus work.

## A Definite Aim.

The work for the different grades is designed to be difficult enough to hold the interest of the children. The work is adapted from what is considered to be the best in physical training work after six years of study and experience and adopted with the conviction that after a child has passed through the grades of physical training work—graded just as carefully as reading and arithmetic, with the knowledge of what a child may and can safely do along these lines—he will come out of school strong, self-reliant, well developed, cool of head and quick of hand.

## Athletic Contests.

In arranging the grade school athletic program the beginning of the year the city was divided into four sections for the purpose of athletic contests, the champions from each section playing for the city championship. In the fall the older boys will play football, the younger boys soccer, and the girls forward pass ball, a game in which alertness, speed and skill are at a premium and brute strength or roughness of no avail, as it is a foul to even touch an opponent. In the winter basketball will be played by both boys and girls, under different rules in the new gymnasium. In the spring the boys will play baseball and the girls ground ball. Beside awards for the championship in these lines of sport, medals and pins are given to those who put up the best game during the season in each line of sport, to encourage individual prowess. Banners are also awarded for school spirit and good sportsmanship.

## Group Athletics.

Besides these lines of sport in which only certain ones who can make the teams take part, another line of sport has been introduced which will give every boy and girl above the fifth grade a chance to engage in helpful athletics. This system is known as

group athletics, and under it instead of an event which the winner of an event makes the highest mark in the event, every one in each class enters the event and the class having the highest class average wins.

## This gives everybody a chance and gives encouragement and training to the child who is a poor athlete and therefore needs work most but would otherwise be neglected.

The events are: Boys—Chin up, high jump, broad jump, dash and basketball throw. Girls—Combination dip, trunk lift, chin up, standing broad jump, dash and basketball throw. Two tests in these events are given to all of the children each year and the class having the best averages wins. Awards will be made after the second test to those children who show the greatest amount of improvement over the marks made in the first test. This gives any child, no matter how poorly he does the first time, the chance to win an award the second time. It encourages all of the children to practice and improve and as the events are those which have been highly endorsed not only by the leaders in physical education, but by some of the most prominent physicians in the land, the child is bound to profit physically.

## It Always Happens Thus.

"We're going to have a good team this year." Said "baseball" "bug" in the early spring. "If we don't win the pennant, 'twill be mighty queer. There's no way on earth we can lose the thing." "Texas" Bill, who can pole them a mile. And "Shorty" McNutt, who's all over the lot. Does Pete steal the bases? Well, now I should smile. With a few more like these, now what chance have they got? When the first inning started the crowd was true blue, mind. Mayor Stout pitched the ball that started the game. The crowd never stayed till the game was all through and they lambasted that team and the way they lambasted that team was a shame. Each time at the bat "Texas" Bill fanned the breeze. While "Shorty" McNutt pulled all sorts of "bone" The bush league performers got weak in the knees. And all you could hear from the bleachers were groans. Now Pete stole the bases for speed was his word. And two he stole second when some one was on. Jones batted left handed and started for They kept this work up till the crowd had all gone. At the end of the season this bunch finished last. The owners lost money and so did the team. But hope springs eternal—when winter had passed They tried it again for they had one more dream.

—I. C. H.

## HAVE SAME LINE-UP.

There Will Be Few New Faces on Chicago National Team.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 13.—The Chicago Nationals will start the season with practically the same line-up as last year. Manager Bresnahan announced on his return from New York today. He admitted his failure to get two players, for whom the club offered \$30,000, and at the same time criticized the 21-men rule, which he declared would prevent the clubs developing youngsters.

John Gibson of Mobile, who caught for the Pensacola team last summer, has been signed by the Cubs.

## JIM COFFEY, HEAVY STAR, WAS ONCE A MOTORMAN WITH A RICH IRISH BROGUE

COPPEY ARRIVED HERE FOUR YEARS AGO FRESH FROM COUNTY CLARE

HE WAS TERRIBLY GREEN WHEN HE ENTERED RING

BUT HE LOOKS BIG IN THE HEAVY CLASS NOW

Jim Coffey, the heavyweight pug, arrived in the U. S. from Ireland a little over four years ago and soon had a job as a street car motorman. When Coffey was first told he might make a good fighter he entered the game willingly enough, but with small knowledge of the art. He was as green at the game as one could wish. He soon, picked up the points, however, and today he is regarded as one of the best in his class.

## WAIVERS ON MANN; MAY HOP TO FEDS



Outsider Mann.

President Gaffney of the Boston Braves has secured waivers on Outsider Mann, who has been holding out for higher pay. Mann, when told that the substantial raise he demanded was out of the question, threatened to jump to the Feds. Gaffney told him to go ahead, as the Braves management would not stand in his way. He may be willing to sign up now, without any increase in pay.

## GRANGER QUITS JOB.

C. of E. Coach Gives Up Position to Study Medicine.

Emporia, Kan., Feb. 13.—Wayne B. Granger, coach of the College of Emporia athletic teams, resigned his position as head of athletics Friday, the resignation to take effect in June. Coach Granger will study medicine in Harvard next year.

Coach Granger was chosen coach of the Presbyterian team in May, 1913, after Bill Hargis, now Normal coach, resigned to take a position at the University of Kansas. Granger had a successful season in basketball and baseball, and his football team last fall was one of the best teams the Presbyterians ever had. The college has not chosen a new coach.

## START SOUTH TODAY.

N. Y. American Club Players on Their Way to Hot Springs.

New York, Feb. 13.—Movement of members of the New York American League club toward their spring training camp at Savannah, Ga., will begin today when the first detachment will leave their homes for Chicago. The party will proceed thence to Hot Springs, Ark., for the "boiling out" process before joining their mates at Savannah on March 10. The advance guard comprises Pitchers Warhop, Keating, Fisher, Caldwell and Carroll Brown and Catcher Sweeney. Catcher Nunamaker already is at Hot Springs. Joe Kelly will have charge of the men there.

Manager Donovan today signed James Duggan to train the Yankees the coming season. Duggan served under Donovan in the same capacity at Providence for two years.

## Carl Morris Defeats Norton.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 13.—Carl Morris, the Oklahoma aspirant to the heavyweight pugilistic championship, won a decision in a ten round bout with Al Norton here Friday night. The fight was Morris' throughout. During all but two rounds when Norton succeeded in landing some good blows, the Oklahoman was continuously on the offensive, often chasing Norton around the ring until the latter would turn and clinch with him.

## Baker Defeats Washburn.

Baldwin, Kan., Feb. 13.—Baker succeeded in defeating the basket tossers of Washburn Friday evening, by the score of 40 to 21. The guarding of Zabel and Alderice was easily the feature of the game, the pair holding Reas and Beals of the Washburn forwards to three goals from the field.

## County Clubs at K. U.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 13.—Thirty-eight county clubs are organized at the University of Kansas. The Wyandotte County club is the largest with 160 members.

## LUCKIEST PLAYER LOOKING FOR JOB



Josh Devere.

Josh Devere, who has been called "the luckiest man in baseball" because he helped divide the Giants' series money in 1913 and the Braves' in 1914 without doing anything in particular to earn it, was recently released by St. Louis. It seems unlikely that he will play this year in the big leagues.

## MUST PAY TAXES.

"Fly-By-Night" Mercantiles Would Be Required to Pay Up.

"Fly-by-nights" who come to town with a stock of merchandise, transact a lot of business at cut rates and leave as abruptly as they came after skimming the cream off local business, will have to settle accounts with the tax collector, according to the Kinkie bill which has passed the senate committee of the whole.

It would compel the proprietor of the transient store to make his peace with the county assessor as a preliminary to doing business. Every move would make a new set of taxes unless he were able to make satisfactory showing with receipts that would identify the stuff offered for sale.

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## Seen From the Gallery

BY HARVEY PARSONS.

Upholding the hands of the president is not so easy as hold-upping the hands of the simple-minded taxpayer. A number of devout Democrats have made this discovery when they tried to pass resolutions that might influence the Kansas delegation to stand by the executive.



He Has a Shipping Resolution.

Senator Harry McMillan, who is not only a veteran in the senator business but for eight years mayor of Minneapolis, Kan., wanted to give the president a word of encouragement in his efforts to purchase merchant vessels for the American trade. To this end he drew a perfectly good resolution, inviting Kansas congressmen and senators to get busy and vote with the president. If the resolution ever reaches the delegation, it will be in a sadly muddled-up condition. Certain senators put certain joshers in said resolution, and as it stands, it is merely a request that the Kansas delegation do whatever it wants to if it feels like it.

To swat one's pet resolution like that is extremely unkind. To let a ship resolution go adrift without anchor or steering gear is careless, to say the least, and certain senators think seriously of recalling the noble craft and sinking it with appropriate ceremonies.

The child hygiene bill, (with appropriations) will undoubtedly pass. This bill (with appropriations) will add another burden to the heavy load of responsibility carried by Doc Swathery Crumblin, but he likes to carry such burdens (with appropriations), and as the idea embodied in the bill is an excellent one, the measure should be popular with all classes.

They have swatted Senator Davis' proposition to "fix" the system who do not vote. The senator's idea was to make people vote, but maybe he approached the idea from the wrong direction. It may be that charging people for the privilege of voting would get better results. The right to vote is free, and free things are unpopular. The boy who works in a candy factory seldom eats as much as he did when he had to buy it at a retail price. If the price of a ballot was one dollar, it could be marked down to 98 cents and get results with the new voters.

For many, many seasons and sessions, the paramount thought with every legislature was: "Gig the railroads." It isn't done now, you know, as Ruggles of Red Gap might say. The railroads have been fixed to a track, and an occasional bill that will only bump the iron track people of Kansas a mere matter of two or three millions is all that is demanded to keep up the legislative batting average. But in days of old, it was different, and legislation had its lighter, as well as tragic side. The railroads have a kindly feeling for the bunch of long-horn reformers who look at themselves to abolish that Awful Pass Evil. The Pass Evil was a real evil, and the railroads were the hollow-horn ruminants. The reformers hanged themselves in their effort to get publicity for their great movement, because they held their organization by virtue of their ability to get railroad passes ad lib and send their satellites over the state. They didn't expect the anti-pass bill to get by, but certain humorists saw the joke and boosted it across the plate. It forever quivered the bunch that started it, and did the railroads an invaluable service. Nearly every man who voted for the anti-pass law had a pass in his pistol pocket and a streak of old gold wider than the pass. It chopped the passers but little, but it raised heck with the pass-con. The ceased to go to get publicity for their great movement, and no longer did the pass departments of the railroads get brief notes on legislative note paper—like these:

"Dear Sir: My wife's sister-in-law's second wants to go to California for the summer. Please furnish pass round trip and make

## WHAT DO YOU MEAN HE LOST HIS DOG?

arrangements for sleeping car. Yore. Hon. J. W. Short, Rep. 127th dist. "Santyfee—Gents—Wire your agent at Zoop, on the Lateral Branch to furnish round trip pass to ml hird man Jim Simp—he wants to come to Topeka to bi a sute of close. "Regards. Hon. J. Joe Darnit, Rep. dist. 131."

Nay, Josephine, it is no longer such. The mileage of a member is not all velvet—it requires a thin stratum of cash to cover of the traces of cottonade.

## KILLING BIG GAME.

Senate Slaughter Three Important Measures in Committee.

The senate committee of the whole conducted a slaughter house for bills Friday afternoon. Friday proved an unlucky day for such measures as the Troutman bill providing for the report of real estate and mortgage transfers to the state tax commission, the ultimate purpose of which was intended to be the accumulation of data relative to the market value of Kansas real estate.

The Davis bill to force voters to the polls by a per capita tax which should be remitted to those who discharge their duties at the ballot box also fell by the wayside.

A bill by Gray of Russell county to revise the taxation of railroads and other public service corporations for the benefit of Kansas school districts also died on the senate floor.

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